

CRSC – Combat-Related Special Compensation



Because You - the Veteran - Earned It

Are you a retired veteran with combat-related injuries?

You may be eligible for additional compensation through the Combat-Related Special Compensation (CRSC) program.

What is CRSC?

CRSC provides retired veterans monthly compensation that replaces the VA disability offset. Eligible veterans with 20 or more years of service that have “combat related” VA-rated injuries, will no longer have their military retirement pay reduced by the amount of their VA disability compensation. Instead they will receive their full military retirement pay AND their VA disability compensation.

Who is eligible for CRSC?

Retired veterans with combat-related injuries must meet all of the following criteria to apply for CRSC:

1. Active, Reserve or medically retired with 20 years of creditable service
2. Receiving military retired pay
3. Have 10% or greater VA-rated injury
4. Military retired pay is reduced by VA disability payments (VA Waiver)

AND... must be able to provide documentary evidence that your injury was a result of one of the following:

- Training that simulates war (e.g., field training, weapons qualification, combat rehearsals)
- Hazardous duty (e.g., flight, diving, parachute duty)
- Instrumentality of war (e.g., combat vehicles, weapons, Agent Orange)
- Armed conflict (e.g., gun shot wounds, shrapnel wounds)

How does CRSC work?

Example: A veteran may receive a total of \$4,600 per month for military retired pay (\$4,600 is paid through a VA Waiver)*

Without CRSC

Military Retired Pay	\$4,600
VA Offset	-\$4,600
VA Pay*	<u>+\$4,600</u>
Total Pay	= \$4,600

\$4,600 Tax-Free

With CRSC

Military Retired Pay	\$4,600
VA Offset	-\$4,600
VA Pay*	+\$4,600
CRSC*	<u>+\$4,600</u>
Total Pay	= \$9,200

\$9,200 Tax-Free

* Not representative of all claims
(Turn over for more information)

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What is the difference between CRSC and CRDP*?

- CRSC is specifically for retired veterans with combat-related injuries.
- CRSC is NOT subject to either taxation or division with a former spouse.
- CRDP is for retired veterans with service-connected injuries.
- CRDP payments are taxed and subject to division of retired pay with a former spouse.

Below is a table that summarizes the differences between these programs.

CRSC vs. CRDP (cannot receive both)		
As of FY 2007	CRSC	CRDP
Full Concurrent Receipt	YES	NO - 10 Year Phase in (except 100% rating)
Payments at 50% Combined Rating	\$690	\$403
VA Rating Starts At	10%	50%
Compensation	Retroactive	Not Retroactive
Taxable	TAX FREE	TAXABLE
Individual Unemployment (IU)	YES	NO
Survivor Benefit	NO	NO
File Claims	YES	NO - Automatic
Qualified Injury	Combat - Linked	Service Connected

Do you think you may be eligible for CRSC?

Apply today!

Air Force

1-800-616-3775 or
210-565-1600
<http://ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil/crsc>

Army

1-866-281-3254
www.crsc.army.mil

Coast Guard

1-866-307-1336
<http://www.uscg.mil/hq/psc>

Navy and Marine Corps

1-877-366-2772
www.hq.navy.mil/corb/crscb/combatrelated.htm

*Concurrent Retirement Disability Pay (CRDP)